

**Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, November 2017–November 2018**  
(not seasonally adjusted)

**Largest Percentage Gains**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	November '17	November '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,400	26%	500	1
2 New Bedford, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	3,300	22%	600	2
3 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,400	1,700	21%	300	3
4 Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,100	23,900	19%	3,800	4
5 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,800	17%	400	5
5 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	47,300	55,200	17%	7,900	5
7 Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,800	23,000	16%	3,200	7
8 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	117,800	135,300	15%	17,500	8
8 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	75,300	86,400	15%	11,100	8
10 Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	3,300	14%	400	10
10 Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Div.	Construction	15,200	17,300	14%	2,100	10
10 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,900	34,200	14%	4,300	10

**Largest Percentage Losses**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	November '17	November '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,700	-10%	-400	358
2 Portland-South Portland, ME NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,500	9,600	-9%	-900	357
3 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,500	12,400	-8%	-1,100	356
4 Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,300	11,400	-7%	-900	352
4 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	68,200	63,700	-7%	-4,500	352
4 Abilene, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,500	4,200	-7%	-300	352
4 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,400	6,900	-7%	-500	352
8 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,300	-6%	-200	350
8 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,000	36,600	-6%	-2,400	350
10 Urban Honolulu, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,600	26,200	-5%	-1,400	348
10 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,800	17,800	-5%	-1,000	348

**Most Jobs Added**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	November '17	November '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	221,600	245,600	11%	24,000	21
2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	117,800	135,300	15%	17,500	8
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	144,200	159,000	10%	14,800	31
4 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	75,300	86,400	15%	11,100	8
5 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	126,000	135,100	7%	9,100	78
6 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	47,300	55,200	17%	7,900	5
7 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	67,300	74,900	11%	7,600	21
8 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,800	88,600	8%	6,800	55
9 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	61,100	67,200	10%	6,100	31
9 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	61,100	67,200	10%	6,100	31

**Most Jobs Lost**

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1 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	68,200	63,700	-7%	-4,500	352
2 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	80,100	77,100	-4%	-3,000	342
3 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,000	36,600	-6%	-2,400	350
4 Urban Honolulu, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,600	26,200	-5%	-1,400	348
5 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,500	12,400	-8%	-1,100	356
6 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,800	17,800	-5%	-1,000	348
6 Richmond, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,900	38,900	-3%	-1,000	336
8 Portland-South Portland, ME NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,500	9,600	-9%	-900	357
8 Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,300	11,400	-7%	-900	352
8 Newark, NJ-PA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	46,500	45,600	-2%	-900	323

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>Industry: Metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are designated by the Office of Management and Budget. MSAs generally cover one or more entire counties or county equivalents, or New England City and Town Area (NECTA) in the six New England states. There are 11 MSAs with more than 2,500,000 people. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div.) or subdivisions rather than for the MSA as a whole. See Metro Divisions tab for employment in those metros and each of their divisions. Click [here](#) for a list of counties in each MSA and division.

<sup>2</sup>Industry: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) only reports construction employment combined with mining and logging in most metros, because of small sample sizes or to preserve confidentiality for industries with few employers. Metro data is not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>3</sup>Rank: BLS currently provides construction (or combined construction, mining and logging) employment data, rounded to the nearest 100 employees, for 358 metro areas. AGC calculated rankings based on the 12-month percent change, rounded to the nearest 100, it is not possible to calculate percent changes more accurately than to the nearest whole percent. Thus, all metro areas with the same whole percent. Because BLS reports employment rounded to whole-percent change in employment are ranked the same. (Exception: Employment changes of less than 0.5% are shown and ranked based on the nearest 0.1%.)